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1. As a result of changes in the uniform, epaulets and insignia of the various branches of the Rumanian Armed Forces, these are now said to be almost identical with those of the Soviet Armed Forces. Reportedly, only the Labor Service Detachment (detasamentele DGSM-Directia Generala a Serviciului de Munca) uniforms are easily distinguished from the Soviet. the blouse worn by members of the Labor Service Detachments as 50X1-HUM being "of Russian style, called rubasca, and charcoal gray in color." No further details are known.
2. The epaulets worn by the members of the Rumanian Armed Forces, although basically similar in size and design, differ in color and insignia depending on the branch, arm and rank of the wearer. There follows a description of the epaulets worn by the officers and enlisted men of the various armed forces branches:
 - a. Enlisted Men:
 1. The Frontier Guards wear green epaulets with a dark green ribbon border.
 2. The Security Forces wear blue epaulets with a dark blue ribbon border.
 3. The Fire Fighting Forces wear cherry red epaulets with a dark cherry red ribbon border.
 4. The Militia wears bluish-grey epaulets with no ribbon border.
 5. The Infantry wears red epaulets with no ribbon border.

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6. The Artillery wears black epaulets with no ribbon border.
7. The Air Force wears pastel blue epaulets with no ribbon border.
8. The Navy wears dark blue epaulets with no ribbon border.

b. Officers:

1. Company grade officers wear epaulets of gold color. The epaulets have ribbon borders of various colors which designate the wearer's branch. In those cases where the branch has no special ribbon border, the officer's ribbon border is then the same color as the epaulet worn by the enlisted men (e.g. a company grade officer in the Artillery would have a gold epaulet with a black ribbon border; a company grade officer in the Frontier Guards would have a gold epaulet with a dark green ribbon border). In addition to the ribbon border, the epaulet has a longitudinal ribbon of the same color which divides the epaulet equally. The rank of the officer is indicated according to the number and position of the gold stars which are placed in the lower part of the epaulet. (See sketch attached.)
2. Field grade officers wear epaulets which are almost identical to those worn by company grade officers with one exception: instead of one longitudinal ribbon (as in the company grade officers' epaulet), there are two longitudinal ribbons which divide the epaulet into three equal parts.
3. General officers wear epaulets which are gold in color, but have no longitudinal ribbons. The rank is indicated according to the number of gold stars placed in a single row in the lower part of the epaulet (see attached sketch). General officers also wear a circular insignia on their caps. The insignia is made of metal, white in color, and contains a gold star. The letters RPR, inscribed within the star, are in glossy red.
3. Attached is a sketch which includes drawings of the special branch insignia also worn by enlisted men, company and field grade officers on their epaulets.

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LEGEND

I - Epaulets of the Rumanian Armed Forces

- A. Epaulets worn by enlisted men.
- B. Epaulets worn by company grade officers.
- C. Epaulets worn by field grade officers.
- D. Epaulets worn by general officers.

II - Indication of Rank

- 1. A gold star at this position on the epaulet signifies that the wearer is a second lieutenant.
- 2.) Gold stars at these points indicate that the wearer is a first lieutenant.
- 3.)
- 1.)
- 2.) Gold stars at these points indicate the wearer is a lieutenant major.
- 3.)
- 1.)
- 2.) Gold stars at these points indicate that the wearer is a captain.
- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5. A gold star at this position on the epaulet signifies the wearer is a major.
- 6.)
- 7.) Gold stars at these points indicate the wearer is a full colonel.
- 8.)
- 9. A gold star at this position indicates the wearer is a major general.
- 9.) Gold stars at these points indicate the wearer is a lieutenant general.
- 10.)
- 9.)
- 10.) Gold stars at these points indicate the wearer is a colonel general.
- 11.)
- 9.)
- 10.)
- 11.) Gold stars at these points indicate the wearer is a General of the Army.
- 12.)

III - Branch Insignia

- 13. Military regulations call for insignia to be affixed at this point.
- 14. Epaulet button.
- 15. Frontier Guards.
- 16. Security Forces.
- 17. Fire fighting forces.
- 18. Militia and cavalry.

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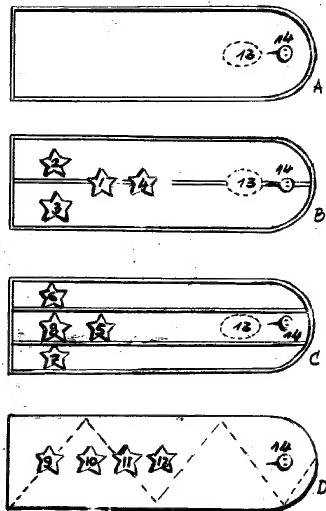
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LEGEND (Cont'd.)

19. Infantry.
20. Artillery.
21. Air Force
22. Navy
23. General officers' cap insignia.
24. Insignia worn only by Ministry of Interior (MAI) forces.
25. Air Force.

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